



VDH Guide to eMed-proctored BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Home Test Kits

For Early Care and Education (ECE)/ Child Care Facilities

Goals

- Today's session: An introduction to use of eMed-proctored BinaxNOW Antigen Card At Home Test Kits and guide to additional resources

Slides and recording will be shared and posted after the session online.

- An introduction to the VDH Child Care Facility COVID-19 Guidance and the Test to Stay option were provided at a session last Friday. The slides and recording will be posted here: [Child Care Testing - Coronavirus \(virginia.gov\)](https://www.virginia.gov/child-care/testing/covid-19)

We welcome your questions! We will do our best to answer them today, and follow up as needed.

What type of COVID-19 tests are these? What is eMed?



Overview

VDH is contracting with [eMed](#) to provide virtually-guided rapid antigen testing using the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test Kit.

Test kits are being distributed to Local Health Districts, who will then distribute them to child care facilities.

Test kits can be used for children age 2 and older, staff, and teachers.



BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Card Home Test

The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Card Home Test is a **rapid antigen test** that determines if a person is currently infected with COVID-19 or not.

It uses a **nasal swab** for sample collection and returns test results in about 15 minutes.

This test has been **authorized by the FDA** under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). For additional information, refer to this [FDA brief](#).



eMed proctoring

eMed will provide **on-demand telehealth sessions with a Certified Guide** to proctor testing, so childcare centers do not need to have a prescriber or CLIA waiver.

These test kits are designed for use at home and do not require a healthcare provider.

However, the Certified Guide must be used.

How should these tests be used?



CHILD CARE FACILITIES RECEIVE TEST KITS

eMed-proctored BinaxNOW tests should be used for testing of child care facility teachers, staff, and/or students ages 2 and up who

- 1) have COVID-19 symptoms, or
- 2) are a close contact of an individual with COVID-19.

All testing is **voluntary**.

Test kits should **not** be used for children less than 2 years of age.

TEST TO STAY OPTION

Test kits may be used for [Test to Stay](#), an option that allows close contacts of individuals with COVID-19 who are 2 years of age or older and not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines to attend the child care facility during their quarantine period.

- Test to Stay participants must remain asymptomatic and test negative on repeated daily rapid antigen COVID-19 tests.

*Please refer to [VDH COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Facilities](#) for additional guidance on illness detection and reporting, isolation, and quarantine for the child care setting.

How should these tests be used?



AT HOME TESTING

Child care facilities are strongly recommended to send test kits **home** with parents, teachers, or staff to conduct the telehealth testing sessions at home.

Childcare facilities may also make it possible for families/caregivers to come to the facility to **pick up** a test kit for at-home testing.

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How should these tests be stored?

- VDH recommends storing kits in a secure location and supply should be monitored carefully.
- Tests must be stored at 35.6- 86°F (2-30°C).
- The BinaxNOW Ag Card Home Test kit is stable until the expiration date marked on the outer packaging and containers.
- Ensure the kit has not expired prior to use.
- Ensure all test components are at room temperature prior to use.

How does the eMed service work?

Certified Guide

- The eMed Certified Guide is a proctor who has received rigorous training and testing certification in the testing administration and process of the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Home Test and ensures that the test is done correctly and verifies the result.
- While the Certified Guide observes the process, the individual being tested (or an adult, if under 15 years old) will perform the necessary actions to perform the test (using a dropper, inserting the swab in the nostrils to take a swab, sealing it accurately in the testing kit).
- After waiting 15 minutes, the Certified Guide will read the result. Individuals will be provided a copy of their test result.
- **The proctor will observe the process but the individual being tested may only hear the proctor.**

How does the eMed service work?

Technical Requirements

- An internet-enabled device and internet connectivity is required, as well as forward facing camera and microphone enabled device.

The proctoring service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Guides are available on-demand with little to no wait time.

How does the eMed service work?

Process Information

- **Individuals 15 years of age or older** may self-collect and perform the test under the observation of the eMed Certified Guide.
- **Individuals ages 2-14** will require an adult to perform the sample collection under the observation of an eMed Certified Guide.
- All **individuals 15 and under** must have an account managed by an adult in the NAVICA app.

How does the eMed service work?

- The individual taking the test (and a supervising adult, if under 15 years old) will start their testing session through their device (computer, phone, tablet).
 - They will complete a checklist provided on the website to ensure they are ready to start the test, and then be connected to an eMed Certified Guide.
 - **ID Requirements:** Parent/guardians should be prepared to show a valid ID to the test proctor prior to the child's COVID-19 test. Young adults 18 and older will be expected to present their own ID.
 - **Valid forms of ID accepted:** driver's license, passport, passport card, birth certificate, state-issued identification card, military ID card, and official school ID
 - Within the test kit, there is a QR code the eMed Certified Guide will scan to register the test and the individual taking it.
 - The box containing the test kit components **should not be opened** until directed to do so by the eMed Certified Guide, or the testing session will not be valid.

Preparing for and Taking the Test



Understanding the Process

Child care facility administrators may view and share the [testing overview video](#) to better understand the testing process.



Safety Guidelines

Proper sample collection, storage, and transport are essential for correct results.

- ✓ Leave the test card sealed in its foil pouch until just before use.
- ✓ Do not use if the pouch is damaged or open.
- ✓ Do not use a kit past its expiration date.
- ✓ Swabs in the kit are approved for use with the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Test card. Do not use other swabs.



Test Kits

Test kits should **remain unopened** until the test taker is directed to open the kit by a Certified Guide in an eMed telehealth session.

To maintain the integrity of the process, **eMed will not proctor a session using an opened test kit.**



NAVICA

Test Administrators should go to <https://www.emed.com/app/login> and click on "I want to start testing." They will either need to set up a NAVICA™ account or login here if they already have an account.

Users also have the option to download the Navica app on a mobile device and make an account that way. To download the NAVICA app to a smartphone or device, and for more information visit: <https://www.globalpointofcare.abott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-home-test-us.html>.



Proctor

Conduct the test following the directions provided by the Certified Guide

Results Reporting

eMed will document the test results.

Results will be reported by eMed to VDH as required by law.

The tested individual will also receive a copy of their result electronically.

Student or Staff Member Tests Positive for COVID-19

If a test is positive, the individual should:



Isolate, or stay at home and away from others. Do not attend the childcare facility.



Notify the childcare facility of the positive test result.

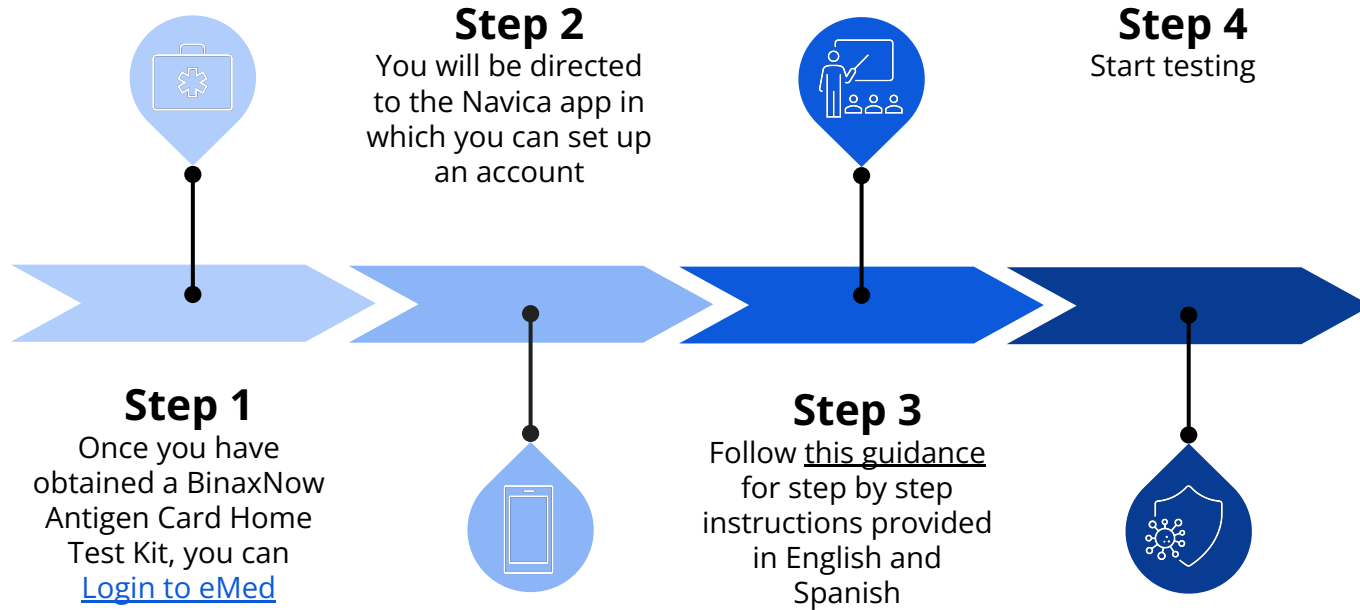


Follow VDH guidance on Isolation: When is it safe to be around others: Isolation and when to end isolation and What to do if you have confirmed or suspected coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?

Introduction to eMed parent guide

Guide is accessible by clicking this link: [eMed parent guide](#)

eMed Guidance



Additional eMed Resources

1. [eMed testing overview video](#)
2. [Spanish translated website](#) available
3. [eMed overview guide](#) with [Spanish translation](#)
4. [eMed parent guide](#) - translations to come (Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Korean and Vietnamese)
5. Customer service call line: 1-833-369-1079

Additional Child Care Testing Resources

1. VDH [COVID-19 Child Care Facility Guidance](#)
2. VDH [Child Care Testing - Coronavirus \(virginia.gov\)](#) for more information on Test to Stay, and how to use eMed
3. Facilities interested in receiving test kits who have not yet completed the interest survey about test kits may do so here: [Interest Survey: Testing for Childcare Centers](#)
 - This information will be shared with with your Local Health District POC for the child care testing initiative.

Questions?



→ Contact test2stay@vdh.virginia.gov

